

CITY COUNCIL

March 2, 2026

The March 2, 2026 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Julia Lemire, President. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council members present were Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Julia Lemire, and Scott Moore. Aaron Korte was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Nickie Coppler, City Auditor; Mike MaGinn, Fire Chief; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the February 17, 2026 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the February 17, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to place Ordinance No. 58-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO KEVIN BURLEW FOR HOURS WORKED AS AN OPERATOR-IN-TRAINING DURING OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER OF 2025, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.”, on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 58-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 58-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 58-14 was duly adopted.

Mr. Buckland explained that if Ordinance No. 59-14 was amended to approve the hiring of six (6) full-time firefighters instead of three (3) full-time firefighters, with the intention of hiring three (3) full-time firefighters in the near future and an additional three (3) full-time firefighters further into the future, it could affect a Safer grant application submitted by the City as it could appear that the City has already budgeted for six (6) full-time firefighters.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 59-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF THREE (3) FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS AND ONE (1) FULL-TIME FIRE CHIEF FOR THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO.”, on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes
Mr. Walker	-	No
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	No
Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 4-2 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 59-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Wessler, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 59-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes
Mr. Walker	-	No
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	No
Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 4-2 vote and Ordinance No. 59-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkoehr, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 60-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 44-14, TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 60-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Niederkoehr, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 60-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 60-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 61-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH UNI-GRIP, INC.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 61-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 61-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 61-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkoehr, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Resolution No. 62-14 entitled, "A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS WATER FUND FOR THE CP30AC, WESTSIDE WATERLINE EXTENSION WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Resolution No. 62-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkoehr, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Resolution No. 62-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 62-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkoehr, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to place Ordinance No. 63-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 133-12 AND ELIMINATING THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY'S PICK-UP OF THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE OHIO POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUND FOR THE FIRE CAPTAINS OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 63-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkoehr, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkoehr, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 63-14 on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 63-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Karcher, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 63-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 63-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Niederkoehr, to place Ordinance No. 64-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CYBERSECURITY POLICY FOR THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 64-14 for the first time by title only.

It was noted that Ms. Roxy Karg is willing to accept a reappointment to the Civil Service Commission with the term to expire on March 1, 2032.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mrs. Niederkoehr, to reappoint Ms. Roxy Karg to the Civil Service Commission for a six (6) year term. Upon Voice Vote, all members vote Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly reported that the East Wyandot Avenue, ODOT Small Cities Project, Phase 3 has been bumped up one (1) year and now Phases 2 and 3 will be combined and bid together. The approximate construction cost for the City for these projects will be \$100,000.00.

Mayor McColly indicated that he will be checking about an American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) grant for the ADA Sidewalk Project at the intersection of East Wyandot Avenue and Fourth Street.

Mayor McColly reported that the Public Entities Pool (PEP) has advised that contracts be signed for events held on public property including parks, streets, etc. Mr. Ben Buckland, City Law Director, is currently working on this contract.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Julia Lemire, President